

REMARKS

This amendment is being submitted in response to the Office Action, mailed February 17, 2006. The Office Action requested that the amendment be resubmitted due to an apparently poor fax quality of the previously submitted amendment. The Office Action also requested that we amend claim 18 similar to how we amended claim 8.

In view of the foregoing, we have further amended the claims, by amending claim 18, similar to claim 8 and we are resubmitting this amendment by mail to avoid any additional problems that might be caused by poor fax transmissions.

As stated in the last response (Amendment C), the Office Action, mailed September 7, 2005, considered claims 2-21. Claims 12, 18, and 19 were rejected for non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,624,428. Claims 8-11 and 18-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 for being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 2-7 were allowed.


A copy of the terminal disclaimer previously filed has also been filed with this paper, corresponding to U.S. Patent No. 6,624,828, such that all of the remaining non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting rejections are now overcome and moot.

Claim 8 and 18 have been also been amended to clarify that the claimed computer-program product recited in claim 8 is in-fact directed to statutory subject matter. In particular, claims 8 and 18 have been amended to explicitly recite how the computer-program product has computer-executable instructions which are executed by the one or more processors of the computing system.

If the Examiner feels that any additional changes are needed to place the application in condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney to resolve these matters through a telephonic interview.

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